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*EDITORIAL ANNOUNCEMENT*

THE Members and Fellows of the Academy, acting through their Council and Trustees, decided some time since on changing to some extent the nature of the BULLETIN. To this end a Board of Editors was appointed. For several years every function which the BULLETIN can serve has been carefully canvassed. As the result of many discussions and much planning, the BULLETIN appears in the first number of this new volume in a new dress. The new format is intended to symbolize the change, or the hope of change, which the BULLETIN is to undergo.

There is every reason to believe that the BULLETIN can be made to serve as the medium for reflecting the intellectual life and the activities of the Academy. Now, when the activities of the Academy have multiplied and its life has become richer, the need for developing its opportunities for publication have become apparent. Beside the Stated Meetings and the Section Meetings which constitute the backbone of its being, the Academy has affiliated with itself a number of cooperating scientific societies: the New York Roentgen Society, the Harvey Society, the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine, and the New York Pathological Society. It provides, furthermore, series of lectures and discussions in many directions. The Annual Graduate Fortnight has become the occasion for presenting full reviews of subjects of active contemporary concern. It has come to engage the attention of large numbers of physicians in New York and elsewhere in the country. The

Academy houses the second largest collection of books of interest to medicine in the country, adding constantly to it whatever contributes to variety and value in medical learning. These large and varied activities give, and have given occasion for continuous meetings of physicians-practitioners and investigators—who in their reports and discussions provide a source whence flows a rich stream of learning and practical experience. The writings which come into being under these circumstances constitute the proper material for publication in the BULLETIN. Besides, accounts of the formal activities of the Academy will be suitably presented.

The Board of Editors will welcome especially reports of original researches undertaken by Members and Fellows of the Academy and by others wishing to use the good offices of the BULLETIN.

By following this plan, the usefulness of the BULLETIN will be much increased. From time to time editorial comments will appear, proposing, criticizing, appraising issues predominantly of scholarly interest, whether in the field of practice, administration or research. It is the intention in short to make of the BULLETIN a forum for discussion, on a high intellectual level, of matters having importance in the scientific and practical aspects of the life of medicine.

The Board of Editors is deeply indebted to Mr. David Silve for the imaginative quality he has displayed, for his understanding of the problems at issue, and the care with which he has planned this format; and to Mr. Charles C. Morehand, its publisher and printer, for his interest, his cooperative spirit and his unremitting unselfishness in bringing the new BULLETIN into existence. No detail has been too trivial to escape notice—the design of the cover; the several types of pages each appropriate to their subject matter; the typography; the selection of the paper on which can be reproduced all the usual forms of illustration; the form for references to scientific contributions and accessions to the library—all have been given due study. Especial attention is directed to the escutcheon designed by Dr. Dickinson, incorporated in the decorative border of the cover and printed in a different form on the opening page. The opportunity to utilize this forceful design in the scheme has contributed greatly to its success.

In this new dress the Board of Editors commends the BULLETIN afresh to the Members and Fellows of the Academy. It reminds them that on their active cooperation, the future of the BULLETIN must depend.